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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Honorable Robert C. Byrd
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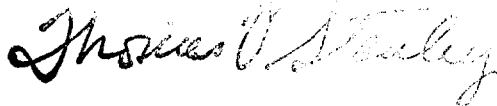
Dear Senator Byrd:

This is in response to your letters of September 23, 1993, addressing the 2 GHz Personal Communications Services (PCS) proceeding, GEN Docket No. 90-314. Your constituents, B.O. Chancey and Kristin A. McGarty, express support for a PCS licensing structure that permits participation by, respectively, small and rural telephone companies; and women, minorities, and small businesses.

On September 23, 1993, the Commission adopted final rules in GEN Docket No. 90-314, allocating 120 megahertz of spectrum for licensed PCS. The Commission decided to adopt Basic Trading Areas (BTAs) and Major Trading Areas (MTAs) for service areas; 60 megahertz of spectrum were allocated for BTAs and 60 megahertz for MTAs. There are 492 BTAs and 51 MTAs for licensing purposes. The Commission concluded that BTAs are representative of likely PCS markets in which local communications will take place, and that MTAs will provide the economies of scale and scope necessary to promote development of low cost PCS equipment. In a companion Notice of Proposed Rule Making in PP Docket No. 93-253, the Commission proposed licensing preferences in 30 megahertz of the BTA spectrum for rural telephone companies, small businesses, and businesses owned by minorities and women.

The Commission's action is designed to ensure the expeditious provision of PCS in both urban and rural areas, and to promote diversity in its provision. I am attaching the press releases of GEN Docket No. 90-314 and PP Docket No. 93-253 that more fully describe the Commission's actions.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Stanley
Chief Engineer

Enclosures

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September 23, 1993

Ms. Lauren J. Belzin
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Office of Legislative Affairs
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Belzin:

The enclosed communication is respectfully referred for your consideration, since it appears to be a matter which falls within your jurisdiction.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and providing me with comments that might serve as the basis for a reply to my correspondent.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Senator/Representative:

I am writing to ask you to contact Federal Communications Commission Chairman James H. Quello and Commissioners Andrew C. Barrett and Ervin S. Duggan strongly encouraging them to fully achieve the objectives of the recently passed budget reconciliation law by ensuring that small and rural telephone systems are able to provide new services, such as PCS, under an auction regime.

The budget reconciliation law required the FCC to ensure new technologies are rapidly deployed in rural areas. It also requires that licenses be distributed to a wide variety of applicants, including rural telephone companies.

Small and rural telephone systems are best situated to assure new services and technologies reach rural subscribers. They have a proven track record of delivering state-of-the-art technologies to their subscribers in rural America. Please urge the FCC to ensure we can continue to do so.

Sincerely,


B. O. Chancey
Manager

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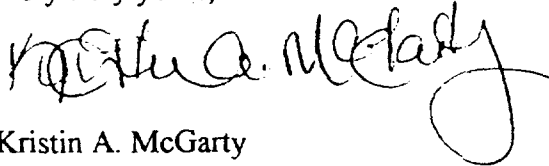
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Dear Senator Byrd,

As a West Virginia citizen and a graduate of West Virginia University I would like to seek your assistance in supporting the current Government efforts in assuring women, minorities and small business access to the new FCC frequencies that will be made available in the delivery of Personal Communications Systems. Telmarc Mountaineer Telecommunications is a company that has just been founded in Morgantown, West Virginia, and is owned predominately and operated by women. We have entered into discussions with WVU to assist us in our business and experimental trials in Morgantown and we view this efforts as a seminal one in terms of making WVU and Morgantown one of the key centers for telecommunications in the United States.

The current work at the FCC may or may not eventually allow companies such as ours to obtain licenses to operate in the state. There is concern that the existing telephone companies such as C&P Telephone, may use their extensive monopolistic powers to block the opportunities that small entrants such as we may have. We are therefore seeking your offices help in assuring that there is fair and equitable competition for these new frequencies and that small companies such as ours may have a reasonable chance to compete in this new market and bring significant jobs and business to West Virginia.

Very truly yours,



Kristin A. McGarty
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